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NO HITCH.

KWANGSI FORCES NEAR CANTON.

AWAIT MAIN STRENGTH.

Withdrawal of the Papersides To Honam.

POLICE & GENDARMES KEEPING LAW & ORDER IN CANTON CITY.

No hitch is apparent in the steps being taken at present by the Kwangsi faction to restore themselves to power in Canton, although delay has been occasioned by orders to wait until the main strength of the expedition down the West River is assembled at Samshui.

Political experts predict that the interregnum at Canton will be ended by New Year's Day at the latest. As the Ironsides have evacuated, and the Papersides have withdrawn to Honam to prove their good faith with the Kwangsi faction, Police and gendarmes are keeping order.

POOR TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

Neither the 13th division of Kwangsi troops at Kongmoon nor the expedition from Wuchow has made the last jump on Canton yet although no opposition is in the way.

Colonel Lau Chee-kwong, late of the Cantonese Army, informs the "China Mail" that poor transport facilities are holding up the Kwangsi troops on the West River.

When the expedition is concentrated at Samshui, 40 miles west of Canton, a big force will be sent along the railway to Canton to take over control.

Meanwhile the Kwangsi leaders, says Colonel Lau, have been in negotiation with the Yunnanese mercenaries who were called upon by the Ironsides for help.

Balance of Power.

The "China Mail" political correspondent learns that the Ironsides decided to give up Canton without a fight because pressure was brought to bear on them by General Li Fook-jun, the commander of the Papersides.

The balance of power lay with the Papersides who helped in overthrowing the Kwangsi faction last month but last week, when they heard the Kwangsi troops were coming back along the West River, they conveyed to the Ironsides an intimation that they would not take part in any campaign.

As the Ironsides were outnumbered, they preferred to leave.

Several Possibilities.

Allegations have been made that the Ironsides took away with them all the available funds from the government offices under their control.

Current rumours still persist that they will soon be in action in the eastern part of Kwangtung province, it being stated that war is inevitable between them and the Kwangsi army at Swatow.

Observers state that the Ironsides are still posted along the East River, about 60 miles from Canton.

One of their leaders advocates cleaning up the Soviet hordes in the hinterland of Bias Bay but there are indications that the Ironsides will hold on for some time.

Compromise Possible.

In spite of other influences bearing at work and General Chiang Kai-shek scheming to regain indirect control of Kwangtung, the Ironsides may compromise with their enemies, the Kwangsi troops.

If pressed, the Ironsides will march north. However, the Kwangsi faction has not enough troops at present for the dual duty of guarding Canton and following up the Ironsides.

Canton's merchants are still anxiously awaiting the arrival of General Li Chai-sum and General Wong Shiu-hung, two of the big four of the Kwangsi faction, because they did show some ability to govern when they were in power.

POSSIBLE INVASION.

Kwangsi Troops Collected Fleet at Kongmoon.

Kongmoon, Yesterday.

The city is now in the occupa-

INDIA'S PROBLEMS.

Home Rule Declared Unnecessary.

"DEPRESSED CLASSES."

Bombay Liberals Oppose Boycott Of Commission.

Allahabad, Yesterday. Home Rule is not necessary for the removal of their social and religious hardships, declared the President of the All India Depressed Classes Conference. On the other hand, he contended that Home Rule in India would mean the tightening of the slavery of the depressed classes. The President opposed the boycott of the Statutory Commission.

Diverse Views. Bombay, Yesterday. The National Liberal Federation unanimously adopted a resolution that the Legislatures and all Indians should boycott the Statutory Commission. Nevertheless the Bengal Liberals telegraphed opposing the boycott.—Reuter.

A Protest.

Madras, Yesterday.

The Indian Commercial-and Industrial Congress Subjects Committee unanimously adopted a resolution in favour of boycotting the Simon Commission and calling on constituent organisations to decline to give evidence before the Commission as a protest against the exclusion of Indians therefrom.

Swaraj Constitution. The concluding session of the National Congress adopted a resolution authorising the Working Committee to confer with Committees of other organisations to draft a Swaraj Constitution which is to be considered by the Convention in Delhi not later than March, consisting of members of the All Indian Congress Committee. Representatives of various organisations will be consulted, also elected members of the Central and Provincial Legislatures.—Reuter.

WIDER ISSUES.

Nationalist Leaders' Desires on Canton.

While an interregnum prevails at Canton, political issues of wider significance are cropping up elsewhere.

General Chen Min-chu, a supporter of General Chiang Kai-shek, is still reported to be a possible candidate for the leadership of Kwangtung province.

Meanwhile General Li Chai-sum, one of the Kwangsi big four and "ex-Governor" of Canton, is quoted in the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" as having expressed disapproval of Chiang Kai-shek. The construction placed on this is that Li Chai-sum resents Chiang Kai-shek's intrusion into the preserves of the Kwangsi faction.

Leaving Shanghai.

That serious disputes again face the Nationalist leaders at Shanghai is referred to elsewhere on this page.

General Pei Chung-hsi, another of the Kwangsi big four, is reported in an overnight cable to be transferring the remainder of his troops from Shanghai to Hankow, indicating the severing of his connection with Shanghai so that he can concentrate on marching overland (southwards) on Canton, to strengthen the claims of his faction in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

RED RIOTS SEQUEL.

Alleged Seaman Leader Caught at Macao.

Alleged to be a well-known leader of the Chinese Seamen's Union and the anti-Hong Kong Strike Association, a Chinese has been arrested at Macao, where it is believed to have fled after the Red riots in Canton, stated the "Hong Kong Evening Post".

On Tuesday, the Cargo Coolies' Guild and the Cargo-Junk Workers' Guild were engaged in a fracas in Canton, there being twelve casualties.

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"IMPROVING LATER."

Better Weather Coming Official.

North-east wind, fresh, overcast, mist; drizzles at first, improving later, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The depression has developed into a typhoon and is now central over N.E. Japan.

The anticyclone has strengthened further and is central over the lower Yangtze Valley. A strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

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FRENCH FLIGHT.

"GEORGES GUYENEMER" AT RAYAK.

Beirut, Yesterday. The aeroplane "Georges Guyenemer" landed at Rayak, stopping there for a time on instructions from the French War Ministry, but resuming its flight later.

"DAWN" FLIGHT.

REPORT OF WIRELESS MESSAGE.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Yesterday. The suggestion that the aeroplane "Dawn" may have landed

MAN OF MYSTERY.

FOREIGNER FOUND IN YAUMATI FLAT.

IDENTITY NOT KNOWN.

Believed to be insane, a European from whom no information could be had other than that he is a Frenchman, was yesterday found by the police in an empty Chinese flat on the first floor of No. 814, Reclamation Street, Yaumati.

Several windows in the flat were broken, and the place was littered with broken glass. The mysterious man was suffering from a serious cut in his left hand, which appeared to have been caused by putting it through a pane of glass.

How the man gained access to the flat, how long he had been there, or where he had come from is not known, as the man could not or would not give any information about himself.

As there has been no report made to the Police about any foreigner being missing, there is no clue whereby the man's identity can be established.

The Police first removed him to the Kowloon Hospital. After the injury to his hand had been attended to, he was transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is now undergoing observation as to the state of his mind.

FIRE ENGINE SKIDS.

NATHAN ROAD MISHAP: NO CASUALTIES.

Just after two o'clock this afternoon excitement was caused in Nathan Road, Kowloon, when a fire engine, just at the corner of Boundary Road, moving at a fairly fast speed, skidded on the wet pave and swung right across the road, colliding with a lamp standard in the middle of the thoroughfare. The standard was smashed and the front of the fire engine slightly damaged. There were no casualties though, the driver of the engine was shaken.

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Mrs. F. Grayson who is on the "Dawn".

somewhere in eastern Newfoundland appears to be made in the report of Mr. Hilliard, an operator at the Anglo-American cable station "Heart's Content" to the effect that yesterday evening he heard the wireless message: "Where are we? Can you locate us?"

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SHIPPING WAR.

Freight Cuts From Calcutta.

"PARED TO THE BONE."

Use of the American Taxpayer's Money.

New York, Yesterday. The Shipping Board's bid for a larger share of the freight from Calcutta has been met by a reduction in cargo rates by the Cunard-Brocklebank Line.

It is believed that the Ellerman-Bucknall Line will make a similar cut before January 1.

Judging by a statement by Mr. Plummer, the Board's Traffic Commissioner, the rates will be pared to the bone, if necessary, but a further reduction in the Board's rate will necessitate the use of special emergency funds provided by the Government for use where foreign lines "threaten" a rate war, and a rate war, involving the use of the taxpayers' money will probably meet with popular disapproval.

Moreover, as the Isthmian Line, one of the factors in the Calcutta trade is owned by the United States Steel Corporation, such a war would mean the use of Government funds against the trade of a private American Corporation.—Reuter.

NOTICE IGNORED.

CLOSET IN SERVANTS' QUARTERS.

OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. D. H. Cooper appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, to answer a summons brought by Santy Inspector Sheriff charging that the defendant had disregarded a notice served on him to clean the water closet in the servants' quarters in a block of flats situated in Tregunter Path.

The defendant was given 48 hours in which to comply with the notice, on December 14, but nothing was done when the time limit expired on the 16th. The Inspector also told the Magistrate that he again visited the place at 9.15 this morning, before coming to Court, and the closet was in the same dirty condition it was in before the notice was served on the defendant.

Mr. Cooper who said that he was the representative of Aratoon V. Apcar, the owner of the building, said that as soon as he received the notice, he had ordered the closet to be cleaned and had also circularised his tenants on the matter. He had received a report from the tenants that they were satisfied that the closet was clean, and his caretaker had also told him that it was quite clean, and he (Mr. Cooper) had relied on the reports he had received. However, he volunteered to go to the place himself if the Magistrate would postpone the case.

The Magistrate remarked that the landlord had a personal responsibility to see that the instructions were carried out, and he had failed to do so in this case.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and an order was made for the closet to be thoroughly cleaned within 48 hours.

FIGHT ON WHARF.

SIKH WATCHMAN IN TROUBLE.

SLUMBERER DISTURBED.

A Sikh watchman named Mangal Singh, employed on the Tai Ping wharf, was this morning charged before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy with assaulting a wharf cooile on December 22.

According to the cooile as dawn was breaking on the day in question, he went around the wharf, waking up the other cooiles, and this resulted in the accused's sleep being broken.

Without warning, the accused suddenly rushed at the witness armed with a stick in one hand and a pole in the other. He was struck on the head with the stick, receiving a wound on account of which he had to be in the hospital for four days.

The accused's version was that the complainant was gambling with other cooiles, and he merely chased them off the wharf. He did not strike the complainant or any other cooile.

The Magistrate convicted the accused and fined him \$5, at the same time ordering him to pay a compensation of \$25 to the complainant.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

INTRIGUE AMONG NATIONALISTS.

PESSIMISTIC REPORTS.

Southerners Easing Up in War on Peking.

NORTHERNERS STEADILY LOSING GROUND AGAINST SHANSI.

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AFTERNOON WORK.

ARE HOURS IN THE EAST
WRONG?

COMPARISON WITH LONDON.

It is said, writes R. J. H. Sidney in the "Straits Times," that in London Clubs you will see many old men asleep after a hearty lunch; you will. But in Singapore you will see men of all ages asleep if you walk into the Cricket or Singapore or other Clubs.

After a good meal it is impossible to resist having some sleep unless your constitution is of iron. And then walking up the men set off to work again and so the long afternoon drags away and only the tinkle of the tea cup brings life in its proper perspective back into the wearied mind.

Ladies are more sensible. They quite unashamedly go to bed in the afternoon and freshen themselves for the rest of the day; their husbands are not always so fortunate as to be able to do this.

And the streets. True, there appears to be as much activity going on as during other parts of the day; but it is a deceiving activity. One can trace languor on those faces whose owners have been compelled to move about at this most trying part of our day.

There is no elasticity about the walk; it is always heavy and unwilling.

And the schoolboy. Long ago it was found impossible to do any effective work in schools after 1 p.m. and there are very few schools to-day that are open during the afternoon. And this is not surprising. The children have probably had to get up before 6 a.m. and by 2 p.m., when they may be expected to have got home, and had their tiffin. They are tired out. Many spend the afternoon wisely in sleep.

Why Not Daylight Saving?

There are few, I think, who will not agree that little really good work is done anywhere in Malaya throughout those languid hours after tiffin. Work certainly goes on, and there are many who eat only the lightest tiffin in order that they may get through the afternoon—but for the great majority the quality of the work is very different in the afternoon from what it is at any other time of the day. And this is not surprising.

Mr. Alexander then proceeded to take Mrs. Begg out of the hotel. I assisted him. We took Mr. and Mrs. Begg along towards High Street. Eventually Mr. and Mrs. Begg walked away along High Street and we thought the incident was closed.

The witness added that at about 2 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Begg arrived at the entrance and tried to get into the hotel. They refused to go away and Mrs. Begg again used disgusting expressions in the hearing of many ladies leaving the hotel. Mr. Alexander and the witness took Mrs. Begg to the Marine Police Station. Mr. Begg, the witness believed, was taken by two constables.

Mr. Alexander, A.S.P., described the language he heard Mrs. Begg using as obscene. Finally, he said, Mr. Begg told him in a low voice "For God's sake arrest us both. I want to get out of this."

The hearing was adjourned, says the "Straits Times."

Husband Attempts Suicide.

In the Second Police Court, Singapore, on December 18, before Mr. H. R. Bull, Mr. N. C. Begg was charged with attempted suicide.

The accused pleaded guilty.

Mr. Bull: I understand that you are out of work.

Accused: Yes, your Honour. I have been out of work for the past six months now. The only money which I have to keep my wife and I alive is \$100 a month which is sent from home by my mother.

What made you do such a foolish thing? Worry, your Honour. Before I married my wife I was warned that at any rate I should lose my job, and I did.

Continuing, the accused said that after the affair at the Europe Hotel on St. Andrew's night he had the offer of some work in Johore. He went over and was shown a Singapore newspaper giving a full report of the affair. He was asked if he was the man concerned and when he said he was, he was told that he could not have the job. For the past six months he had carried a bottle of veronal tablets. A few nights ago he went to a public house, and after he had had one or two drinks he took 25 tablets of veronal.

Mr. Bull: How long have you been out here? Thirteen years and I have not yet been home.

The accused was sent to hospital.

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Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1927.

HOTEL SCENE.

WOMAN'S STRUGGLE WITH
THE POLICE.

HUSBAND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

"I cannot say anything; I must see my husband first," protested Mrs. N. C. Begg, on a case in which she is the accused, being called before the Third Police Magistrate, Singapore, on December 12.

The magistrate directed that the case should proceed, and Mrs. N. C. Begg was charged with disorderly conduct in public, obstructing a public servant in the performance of his duty and using indecent language.

Mrs. Begg claimed trial on all three charges, and in answer to Court Inspector Farquharson, prosecuting, Dr. N. C. Bain, related that at 2.15 a.m. on December 1 at the Europe Hotel he heard the accused creating a disturbance. She was shouting and using indecent language, directed partly towards the management of the Europe Hotel—towards the assistant manager—and at large. She was making remarks touching the morality of the European women. She and her husband were removed. They returned about a quarter of an hour later to the gates of the hotel, and were arrested after considerable warning. While being removed to the Marine Police Station Mrs. Begg used extremely filthy language in a very loud voice.

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GINYO MARU Monday, 6th February, 1928.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KAMAKURA MARU Friday, 20th January.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

†TATSUNO MARU Thursday, 2nd Feb., 1928.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

†DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

†NAGANO MARU Saturday, 31st December.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU Friday, 20th January.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

†SEIYO MARU (Kobe direct) Saturday, 31st December.

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CONSIGNATION—TRANSIT—REPRESENTATION.

SHIPPING SECTION.**LOCAL SHIPPING.****TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.****THIS MORNING'S LIST.**

City of Pekin (4,426) British, from Dunkirk, Singapore—Bank Line—450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,000 tons general (through).

Chenan (1,856) British, from Canton, B. & S.—56 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 53 tons general (through).

St. Albans (2,583) British, from Yokohama, Moji—McKinley, Mackenzie—3, passengers, 1,100 tons general cargo (through).

Prosper (1,877) Norwegian, from Saigon, Fau Yuen Hong—257 passengers, 2,200 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Kaitai Maru (906) Japanese, from Macao, M. S. K.

Daigen Maru (1,818) Japanese, from Wakamatsu, Sato & Co.

Sungshan Maru (1,503) Japanese, from Shanghai, Swatow, N. Y. K.—148 passengers, 211 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 764 tons general (through).

Sungshan (1,503) Japanese, from Canton, N. Y. K.—185 passengers, 50 tons general cargo (through).

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—68 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hung On (2,097) Chinese, from Canton, Wing Hong & Co.—200 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tong Lee (882) Chinese, from Tsingtao, Yee Tai Hong—800 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Chian Lee (1,850) Chinese, from Chefoo, Ching Kee.

Chung Hing (249) Chinese, from K. C. Wan—Hong On—85 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tonger (1,949) Norwegian, from Canton, Dodwell & Co.

Departures.

For Swatow—Van Heutz, Deli Maru.

For Hongay—Hung On.

For Autau—Tak Hing.

For Canton—Fooshing, Chinhuah, Hulchow.

For Shanghai—Kamo Maru, Kaiatsu Maru, Hua Lee No. 1.

For Macao—Tak Hing.

For Holow—Devawongsi.

For K. C. Wan—Yanon.

For Singapore—Svele.

Clearances.

For Canton—Ryuho Maru, Yei-jui Maru.

For Shanghai—Chenan.

For Bangkok—Fingal.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals. Departures Port.

British 3 3 25

Japanese 4 3 4

Norwegian 2 1 8

Chinese 5 6 20

Dutch 0 1 5

American 0 0 1

Panama 0 0 1

German 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 2

French 0 0 1

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LIFEBOAT "V.C.S."**ANGLESEY CREW HONOURS.**

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has awarded its gold medal, the Victoria Cross of the lifeboat service, to Captain Jones and Second Coxswain William Roberts, of Moelfre, in Anglesey, and the bronze medal to each member of the Moelfre lifeboat crew, for a service in which the greatest gallantry was shown in the face of the gravest danger.

This service took place during the terrible gales at the end of October, the lifeboat being cut nearly the whole night of the 28th, when the gale was at its height. She rescued the crew of the ketch "Excel," and struggled, waterlogged, against the gale throughout the night.

Two men died on board her, one of the crew of the ketch, from injuries which he had received when being rescued, and one of the lifeboat's crew from exposure.

After reaching shore the second coxswain, who had been at the tiller all the time, was completely blind for several hours from the salt water, wind, and terrible strain of that unrelaxed watch through the whole night.

SMART RUN HOME.

The Blue Funnel Line has always believed in fast cargo ships, and certainly its experience in years following the Armistice has fully justified its faith in spite of the extra expenditure involved.

The steamer "Trollus," a ship of 7,648 tons, built shortly after the war, has just done the passage home from Melbourne to Dunkirk in a time of 31 days 8 hours, which is believed to be a record for a cargo ship.

The passage from Melbourne to Port Said was done without a stop, and, of course, the ship was favoured with good weather. But in spite of all favourable circumstances it was a splendid performance. Yet it passes almost unnoticed, while had anything proportionately good been made in the old sailing-ship days it would have aroused excited comment.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on December 7, arrived at Vancouver on December 25.

The P. O. S. "Delta" left Singapore for this port on December 20 at 6 a.m. with the outward Mail, and is due here to-morrow at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" leaves Hong Kong for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The a.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

The M.V. a.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.

SHIPPING REPORTS.**BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.**

At the ordinary general meeting of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., held at the company's offices on December 14, at 10.40 a.m., the directors, after providing for the dividends on the 5 and 5½ per cent. preference stocks (less income-tax) recommended a dividend on the ordinary shares at 4 per cent. for the six months (free of income-tax), making, with the interim dividend of 4 per cent. paid in May, a total distribution on the ordinary shares at 8 per cent. for the year ended September 30.

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MOREA	10,953	7th Jan.	1928
KALYAN	9,144	9th Jan.	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Strait & Bombay
MALWA	10,680	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,553	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHIVA	8,138	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,585	17th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th April	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHGAR	9,095	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,980	25th May	Marseilles & London

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GARMULA	5,254	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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SANTHIA	7,764	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,600	27th Jan.	
TANDA	6,958	2nd Mar.	

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DELTA	8,097	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
		6 a.m.	
		1928	
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Osaka
MALWA	10,980	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	8,853	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,185	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,958	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SNAGPORE	5,288	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,940	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,985	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,005	28th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVENHA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

* Cargo only.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY" - Via Suez Canal 20th Feb.

S.S. "LYCIA" - Via Suez Canal 9th Mar.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 2nd January, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 9th January, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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General Agents.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1927.

U. S. SHIPPING.

NEED FOR NEW PROGRAMME

EMPHASISED.

In a plea for an American merchant marine policy which will function, and provide the carriers for our foreign trade still further, Governor Ralph O. Brewster of Maine declared on November 3 before the Boston Chamber of Commerce that "it is time the American people formulated a constructive programme that will adequately deal with what is being increasingly recognised as a national need. In progress toward the goal of a sufficient supply of ships it is historically appropriate that New England should take the lead."

He declared that \$10,000,000,000 of our foreign trade cries aloud for protection of American shipping, with less than one third of it carried in our own vessels, with a negligible amount carried by private lines, we may soon be back to our pre-war basis of 10 per cent, compared with Britain carrying 70 per cent. of her own water-borne commerce and more than 80 per cent. of the commerce foreign to her trade. The foreign commerce of the United States, he maintained, is our safety valve and should be fostered by our own shipping facilities developed to their greatest proportions. He urged also that a merchant marine is needed as a support to our navy in case of war. Continuing, he said:

"A few short years ago we spent \$3,000,000,000-in desperate attempt to make up for a half century of neglect. That sum would have furnished all necessary assistance for a hundred years, and would have developed a merchant marine that would have been ready the day hostilities were declared and meanwhile would have served daily the commerce of the United States. Now those boats are on the scrap heap and America is going rapidly back to the position of inferiority it occupied before the War."

"In construction and operating costs American shipping to-day must accept a handicap of 10 per cent. There is absolutely no warrant to ask the patriotism of American shippers to make up that lack either through direct patronage of American merchant lines at higher rates or through imposition of the burden upon the railroads of the United States. No combination of railroads can make two equal five. The law has long permitted railroads to engage in the carrying of trade overseas, but James J. Hill a year ago demonstrated its impracticability and paid a handsome price for the lesson.

"There are not lacking powerful voices that seemingly do not desire Government aid. They say, 'Repeal the La Follette bill.' Certain of its provisions may be prudently modified, but in its stamping of American shipping with an American character it is vital for the purpose for which alone the marine exists. Foreign personnel would be useless in time of war and largely worthless in time of peace in the extension of our trade in the lands beyond the seas."

"They say, 'Sell the shipping to private interests and let the Government get out of the way.' No American ships can survive in the foreign trade except by mail subventions or by indirect Government aid in the price at which the boats are bought. Captain Dollar had made it abundantly clear that the lines cannot be replaced."

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 27th December, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 21st December, 1927.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

THE Steamship

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 30th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 21st December, 1927.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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CHRISTIE CASE.

**POLICE RESERVED REPEATS
EVIDENCE.**

OIL OR MORPHIA?

Yesterday afternoon Major C. Wilson heard further evidence in the case in which James Christie and Christopher Bluhm are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud a Chinese Police Reservist who posed as a prospective purchaser in an alleged morphia deal.

Evidence given by the Reservist (Au Yeung) was a repetition of his previous testimony given before Mr. R. E. Lindell who discharged the accused on a count of undertaking to procure and supply morphia.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask for the defence, this witness agreed that Bluhm was silent at the various interviews he and Haynes had with Christie, and took no part in the conversation.

Before his interviews with Christie, witness had been given full particulars of the nature of the deal and went with Haynes with the expectation that some sort of drug would be offered to him.

The first question Christie asked him was "You wanchee morph," and after that although "morph" was never mentioned again, it being referred to as the "cargo," goods or "stuff," the witness understood all along that morphia was the subject of the discussions.

The name of Thatcher and Company, as oil dealers, was never mentioned at any of the interviews.

The word "oil" was also never spoken either in English by Christie or in Chinese by Mr. Kay, who acted as interpreter.

Witness said that out of the three brands of morphia mentioned by Christie he remembered only "Swils," because that was the name of a place, and he could easily remember it.

When he asked for sample of the drug, Christie said that it was not necessary as after the stuff arrived the witness could before taking delivery, test it with water, acid or in any other way he liked.

Witness did not know if these tests could be applied to oil.

In re-examination by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Investigation, the witness said that afterward he had a discussion with Mr. King and Mr. H. A. Taylor of the Import and Export Office, and received necessary information relating to morphia and morphine traffic.

Leisure Ernest Haynes also gave evidence similar to that given during the hearing of the earlier charge against the accused.

He told the Court that at his first interview with Christie in the lounge of the King Edward Hotel in September this year Christie invited the witness to his room at No. 5 Victoria Gardens.

When he called, Christie asked the witness if he would meet a certain Chinese and pose as the man from Saigon in an arms deal.

Haynes added: "It would be worth a thousand dollars for me.

He told me of the quantity and kinds of arms, which I wished to record in my notes. I made an excuse of going to the lavatory, and made notes when I was outside."

Proceeding, Haynes said that subsequently the conversation switched to heroin but he gave no definite undertaking with regard to either of the propositions placed before him by Christie.

At the next meeting Christie definitely came out with an offer to sell morphine.

Later Christie told him about the office at No. 480 Nathan Road, and asked him to go there in future, as the business was too dangerous to transact at Victoria Gardens.

It was here that witness introduced Au Yeung as the prospective buyer, and Karim Din or Mr. Kay was brought into the deal as Chinese interpreter.

It was also at this address that the accused were arrested by the Police.

The hearing was adjourned.

handed over, including the Father who was born in this Colony.

One of the priests has stated that the Communists at Swabue are mostly of the peasant type, arrant cowards at heart, though bullies, and they would have quickly taken to their heels if the "Seraph" had landed a party of naval men.

Before running away, however, it is more than possible that they would have put the whole of the priests and nuns to death.

It is a thousand pities that the North and the South cannot compose their differences and concentrate on a united campaign against the Red terrorists throughout the country.

The Chinese leaders in both camps have a serious responsibility not alone toward their unhappy nationals but toward the whole of the civilized world.

But they do not realize it. By the time they wake up to their obvious duty there is no predicting what appalling excesses will be committed by the Red terrorists not alone in the Swabue district but throughout the whole land where neither the Northern nor the Southern Governments is strong enough at present to maintain peace and order.

ORGANIST WANTED.

**CEREMONY AT KOWLOON
YESTERDAY.**

BALDWIN-ANDREWS.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a wedding of general local interest yesterday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. Rupert Baldwin, organist of the Church, and son of Mr. Charles Baldwin, M.B.E., and Mrs. Baldwin, of Sheerness, Kent, and Miss Winifred Edith Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Andrews, of Sheerness, Kent. The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A., officiated.

The bride wore a gown of white georgette and veil, with silk embroidery and a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

In attendance were the Misses Peggy and Betty Jeffreys, who wore dresses of pale blue crepe-chino, trimmed with cream lace. They also wore Dutch caps, trimmed with pale blue and pink rosebuds and carried baskets of pink and white roses, and sweet peas.

The duties of "best man" were discharged by Mr. J. W. Baldwin (brother of the bridegroom).

Following the ceremony at St. Andrew's Church, a reception was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, adjoining, and later Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin left for their honeymoon which is being spent at "The Bungalow," Shatin. The bride and groom were accompanied by a party of priests and nuns.

FAKED TRADE MARK

**TROUBLE OVER CIGAR
LABELS.**

A SETTLEMENT.

Mr. M. M. Watson, representing the El Oriente Cigar Factory of Manila, whose China agent is Mr. Isaac Delbord, of No. 9 Foochow Road, Shanghai, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning in connection with a case in which the Cheong On firm of No. 122, Wellington Street are charged with possessing and exposing for sale "Vitas" cigars which bear an alleged false trade description and trade mark.

Mr. Watson said that the cigars complained of, which were not manufactured by the complainants, were sold in packets of five in which were affixed labels so much resembling the El Oriente "Hello" cigar labels that they infringed the El Oriente trade mark.

Since the summons was taken out, Counsel proceeded, the defendants had agreed to pay the costs of the proceedings and publish an apology in two Chinese newspapers for a period of one month, and in the circumstances, with his Worship's approval, the complainants were prepared to withdraw the summons.

Lables Copied.

Proceeding, Mr. Watson said that 3,000 cigars were seized in the defendants' premises, and these would be returned to them after all the labels complained of had been removed.

The defendants were also required to hand over to the police any other labels of a similar description which they might have in their possession.

Mr. Watson also commented that the defendants even went so far as to copy the American export labels used for the exportation of El Oriente cigars from Manila, but the prosecution was not concerned with the infringement of these labels.

Counsel added that three Chinese firms were selling cigars in such false labels, and he hoped that the publication of this case would cause the other two firms to remove the offending labels, otherwise proceedings would have to be taken against them also.

The defendants' representative having agreed to a settlement as detailed by Mr. Watson, the Magistrate gave his consent for the summons to be withdrawn.

\$8,000,000 BRIDE.

**WEDDING OF OIL KING'S
DAUGHTER.**

New York, Nov. 8.

Miss Millicent Rogers, the daughter and heiress of Colonel H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil multi-millionaire, and formerly the wife of Court Salm von Hoogstraten, the Austrian tennis player, was married yesterday to Senor Arturo Ramos, a member of a wealthy Argentine family.

The ceremony, which was performed by Father Kelly, in the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, at Southampton, Long Island, was attended by the bride's three-year-old son and a few relatives. The bride is a Protestant and the groom a Roman Catholic.

FIRST MARRIAGE.

A dispensation for the marriage was issued by Roman Catholic officials, and the fact of the bride having divorced her former husband was overcome, because the Roman Catholic Church does not recognise her first marriage as Count Salm's first wife is still living, and also, the marriage was only a civil ceremony.

No reception followed the wedding, and the couple will sail for South America on Thursday. It is reported that Colonel Rogers gave a trust fund of \$100,000 as a wedding present.

The wealth of Colonel H. H. Rogers is estimated at \$8,000,000.

DEAD WAR CHIEF.

**SIR HENRY WILSON'S SNEERS
AT NAVAL DIVISION.**

London, Nov. 14.

"The arch-enemy to the Dardanelles" was the description of the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson given by General Sir Ian Hamilton, addressing the Royal Naval Division Officers' Association at Piccadilly on Saturday night.

"When you went first to try at imminent danger to your lives, to help Wilson and his C-in-C, by your diversion at Anzio," said Sir Ian. "Wilson wrote definitely: 'There are Winston's Marines, who have given us much amusement. There is that splendid Territorial Army of ours, which Jonnie Hamilton and Haldane have for years said could put up a superb fight, then why should Antwerp fail?'"

Sir Ian added: "On July 17, 1915, Wilson goes to see Foch. He tells him the latest Dardanelles news, adding the terrible remark that 'a success would be a disaster.'

"In every way constantly he makes it his business to go round trying to ruin us, the British Admiralty, right appointment of the staff, our brother Commanders-in-

'PRAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The rain comes naturally after a very "wet" Christmas.

Small Boy (to butcher): Please, Mr. Jones, mother wants two pounds of chops, and she says not to mix any mustard with the price.

"What makes you think you would make a good nurse," Dolly asked her auntie. "What do you know about babies?"

"Oh, a lot, auntie," said Dolly. "I was a baby myself once."

Artist: This is my masterpiece. Ten thousand wouldn't buy it.

Friend: I'm one of the ten thousand.

Wife: What did the foreman say when you accidentally hit him on the head with a brick?

Husband: I could not hear for the rest of the mob cheering.

Said a lawyer to a countryman one day, "If you promise to give me a guinea, I shall teach you so to plead as to be always successful with your case."

"I promise you," replied the countryman.

"Well, then," said the lawyer, "always deny, and you'll come off victorious; so down with my fee, as you promised."

To which the countryman retorted, "I deny to have promised you a fee."

An amusing story is told of a mother who was the proud possessor of twin girls, who were so much alike that it was almost impossible to distinguish them apart. One night when they had been bathed and put to bed, she heard a sound of laughter coming from their bedroom, and at once went to inquire the cause. "What are you laughing at?" she asked.

"Oh, nothing," replied Edith, one of the twins; "only you have given me two baths to-night and Alice none at all."

"Do you so love him that you could die for him?" asked a spinner of a young lady of whose engagement she had just heard.

"No; but I love him well enough to live with him!" was the bright reply.

"You see," says a working man, "my wife's a curious woman. She skimped and saved and almost starved all of us to get the parlour furnished nice, and now she won't have any of us go into it, and hasn't even had the window blinds of it open for a month. She is a curious woman."

Teacher (in class): "In this stanza what is meant by 'the shades of night' were falling fast?"

Bright Scholar: "The people were pulling down the blinds."

An amateur was inspecting some pictures by Poussin, and found a great deal to blame in one which represents a marriage ceremony. "Oh, I see!" he exclaimed, "that it is difficult to make a good marriage even in a picture."

An actress was contemplating purchase of a car. "I can recommend this make, madam," said the salesman. "It glides along so quietly and smoothly that no one notices it." "Good heavens, no," said the stage lady, "Show me another."

"Stop!" cried the porter, as the pleasure steamer was about to leave the pier. "There's a party of about seventy coming."

The vessel was backed into the wharf again, ropes were made fast, and three gangways were placed into position. An old lady then climbed slowly aboard.

Young man (talking singing lessons): "Do you think I could use my voice in public now?"

Disheartened Professor: "Oh, I suppose so. You might cheer when the King goes by."

Worried-looking Man (to registrar's clerk): "Are you sure it was a marriage licence you gave me last month?"

Clerk: "Of course."

Worried-looking Man: "Well, I've lived a dog's life ever since!"

Parson (to little boy playing marbles): "Which is the way to the Rectory, Johnny?"

Little Boy: "How do you know my name's Johnny?"

Parson: "Why, I guessed it."

Little Boy: "Then guess your blinking way to the Rectory."

My Dear, said the old man, tenderly, "to-day is our diamond wedding day, and I have a little surprise for you. You'll see this engagement ring I gave you sixty years ago."

"Yes," said the expectant old lady.

"Well, I paid the final instalment of it to-day, and I am afraid

PRIESTS RESCUED.

OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM HOME.

"SERAPH'S" GOOD WORK.

Rugby, Yesterday. The British warship "Seraph" has rescued from Swabue, near Swatow, a party of three Roman Catholic priests and seven nuns who were being held prisoners by Communists.

One of the priests, Father Wong, who is Chinese but a British subject born in Hong Kong, was under sentence of death and awaiting execution. They had been charged by the Communists with preaching Christianity.

A Chinese convert from Swabue arrived in Hong Kong on December 26 and reported to Bishop Valtorta the plight of the missionaries. The Bishop reported to Admiral Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station who ordered the destroyer "Seraph" to the rescue.

The "Seraph," which carried on board Bishop Valtorta, arrived at Swabue at dawn yesterday and the rescue party, led by Commander Wilmot Sitwell, put off in a motor boat and whaler.

A letter from the Bishop was despatched to the Chief of Police. A reply was received but that since Father Wong was Chinese he must be dealt with under Chinese law.

A second note was then delivered to the Chinese demanding specially the surrender of Father Wong as a British subject. A written reply arrived later, saying that since Father Wong was a British subject he would be handed over.—British Wireless Service.

PRIEST'S DISCOVERY.

REVOLUTION IN TRANSPORT.

London, Nov. 16.

A Spanish priest is the romantic figure behind a new invention, which holds out the possibility of revolutionising every form of transport, and which is being secretly tested in London.

The invention is a new accumulator, which is said to be powerful enough to drive a long-distance express train.

It is the discovery of Father Almeida, a young Jesuit from Salamanca, and it has been taken up by a prominent group of British financiers.

A special company has been formed to develop the invention. The directors state that, as the new accumulator is still in the experimental stage, they do not wish to advance any claims on its behalf at present, but it is understood that they hope to demonstrate that it has wonderful commercial possibilities.

Tests are being conducted at two laboratories in London, under the personal supervision of the inventor.

Father Almeida is still a young man, who displayed such an aptitude for physics and chemistry at the Jesuit college at Salamanca that he was given permission to continue his studies in other parts of Europe.

Financial Support.

He went to France and Germany, and came to London with his invention not long ago, and succeeded in impressing his present backers so favourably that they have invested a substantial sum of money to further the project.

Precautions are being taken to prevent premature publication of the details of the invention, but it is claimed unofficially that the new accumulator has ten times the capacity of any other accumulator of the same weight.

It is said to be so efficient that, by its use, it will be possible to make electric railways independent of live rails or overhead wires. Engines driven by these accumulators would be able to make non-stop runs to Scotland, and the entire permanent ways of the country would become suitable for electric traction without necessitating the expenditure of millions of pounds on electrification of the lines.

Motor-cars without gear boxes, radiators, and magnetos will make their appearance if the invention becomes a practical reality.

PEACE ISLAND.

WINTER-VILLA OPPOSITE LOCARNO.

Geneva, Nov. 18.

Baron von der Rheidt, the Kaiser's business manager, has purchased, on behalf of his royal master, two small islands in Lake Maggiore, facing Locarno, for \$14,000.

One of the islands will be renamed the "island of world peace." It is reported that the other island is to consist

FAMILY SKELETONS.

SECRETS KEPT IN BRITISH MUSEUM.

THE GREVILLE MEMOIRS.

London, Nov. 14. Secrets guarded in the fireproof safes of the British Museum were disclosed to a "Daily Chronicle" representative on Saturday at the department of the Keeper of MSS.

This week-end Mr. Lytton Strachey suggested that it could no longer serve any useful purpose to prevent public access to the original MSS of the Greville Memoirs, about which there has been so much stir. Mr. Eustace, Secretary at the British Museum, said on Saturday, however, that this was a matter for the trustees.

But it is not generally known that the Keeper of MSS. at the Museum is guardian of some of the most sensational family secrets and State affairs of the past.

When Lady Layard, for example, died in 1912, she bequeathed the whole of the papers of her husband, Sir Austen Henry Layard, the diplomatist and archaeologist to the Museum. As Sir Henry was Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs from 1861-1866 one can get an idea of the importance of his MSS.

Confidential Prints.

In the Layard MSS. there are many "confidential prints," as they are called, and the whole of the papers comprises 234 volumes.

Many of these papers have now been released for research work by the Foreign Office, but there are still a number quite inaccessible to the research worker.

Another important volume of secrets concerning personalities in the last century and matters of State which cannot at present be divulged is the work of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

All the papers of this distinguished statesman are in the custody of the keeper, and they will not be published for some time.

Then there are the Leland papers—the correspondence of Mr. C. G. Leland, the great authority on gypsies. For reasons which cannot be disclosed they are still inaccessible to the publisher.

An official at the department said that there was a considerable list of persons distinguished in many walks of life whose papers are kept under lock and key and will not be published for 20 to 50 years. They were unable, however, to give even the names.

£1,500,000.

OFFER ACCEPTED BY THE CHANCELLOR.

London, Nov. 16.

Lady Houston, widow of the millionaire shipowner, Sir Robert Houston, Bt.—who died in the Channel Islands, leaving an estate said to be worth £7,000,000—has paid £1,500,000 to the Exchequer.

Many questions have been asked in the House of Commons with regard to the payment of death duties on the estate, and Mr. Churchill gave an assurance last session that the claims of the Crown would be pursued.

He had an interview recently with Lady Houston at the Treasury, and made a statement in the House of Commons yesterday.

"Lady Houston," he said, "has paid to the Exchequer the sum of £1,500,000 as an act of grace without admitting any legal liability on her part, and I have accepted this sum, which was offered spontaneously from a public-spirited desire to help the finances of the country."

FIGHT WITH A SHARK.

CHANNEL SWIM PILOT'S ADVENTURE.

Folkestone, Nov. 14.

A shark more than 10 ft. long was caught after an exciting struggle early this morning by Folkestone fishermen who were trawling for herrings in Dungeness Bay.

Mr. Harry Sharp, who piloted Miss Gleitz's Channel swim, was the skipper of the boat. Our Willy, who netted the shark.

"Our nets were suddenly drawn taut," he said, "and we anticipated a great catch of herrings. As we drew in the nets, however, we found a shark struggling desperately for liberty."

It was playing havoc with the nets. We slipped a rope round its tail and endeavoured to haul it on board, but the rope snapped with the shark still entangled in the nets.

"We towed the shark into Folkestone, where we had to cut its head off to kill it."

A salesman bought it for export to France, where it will be made into fancy dishes. Some believe it to be a man-eating shark, although others say it is of the bottomless

BYWATERS CRIME.

NEW YORK PRODUCTION OF SUPPRESSED PLAY.

WORLD OF MAKE-BELIEVE.

New York, Nov. 15. "Spellbound," a play by Frank Vosper, an English actor, based on the Bywaters-Thompson murder case, after being suppressed in London, was produced last night at the Earl Carroll Theatre.

Miss Pauline Lord, regarded as America's foremost emotional actress, played the part of Mrs. Thompson, called in the play, "Ethel Carter." "Spellbound" is regarded generally by the critics as an unconvincing play, and seems an attempt to show that Mrs. Thompson's threats against her husband were only vapourings of a born romancer, and that she lived in a world of make-believe, giving herself a tragic character to make herself interesting.

The play makes her husband somewhat Satanic, knowing his wife's love affair with Bywaters, who is called in the play "Rowlie Bateson," obtaining a perverse excitement from the situation, and constantly twisting his wife with insincerity.

"Bateson" mortally wounds "Carter" in a scuffle in the last act; there then follows an epilogue in the visitors' rooms of the prison, where "Ethel" receives news that a reprieve has been refused, and that she must die.

THE EX-KAISER.

NEW RASPUTIN PLAY SENSATION.

Berlin, Nov. 10.

The much-talked-of Rasputin play, in which the Kaiser and Alphonse Daudet, General Haig, and General Foch, Lenin and Trotsky, the Czar, and the unfortunate monk-influenced Czarina are all brought on the stage, was produced here to-night for the first time.

From start to finish this mad, amazing tragedy of the downfall of the Romanoffs held the audience spellbound. The figure of Lenin in his cheap little grey alpaca coat and flat workman's cap was the great Communist leader to the life, and from his box in the first circle, Herr Krestinsky, the Soviet Ambassador, gazed down thrilled at the re-enactment of the incredible events that just ten years ago had swept him and his party from obscurity to power.

Gregori Rasputin, the peasant monk, with his strange mixture of sensuality, cunning, superstition, his orgies and his power over the Czarina was a masterpiece of historic drama.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II., with his pompous prayers for the victory of the Hohenzollerns, and his coarse staccato adjurations addressed to his hussars, excited loud bursts of laughter from a fashionable audience that one would hardly have credited with Socialist leanings.

"BIG BILL'S" EYE.

SINGING POLICEMEN ESCORT HIM TO WASHINGTON.

Washington, Nov. 8.

"Big Bill" Thompson of Chicago invaded Washington yesterday, nominally to tell Congress what to do about giving relief to the victims of the Mississippi floods, but actually to impress his importance upon Congress. Fantastic as it may sound, "Big Bill" cherishes the fond hope that on the platform of "America First," keeping King George out of Chicago, patriotism and freeing American history from the malign British influence, the country may elect him President.

Twelve special trains brought him and his 2,000 supporters, each decorated with a badge by an acrobatic player, a banjo artist, eight stalwart singing policemen, a brass band, and a group of Italian singers. Thompson and his horde invaded the Capitol and saw the Flood Relief Committee, but no mention was made either of flood control or Thompson's personal war with King George.

The Mayor, however, as a loyal American, made a call on the President. "El Solo," a famous Chicagoan, and freeing American history from the malign British influence, the country may elect him President.

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CINEMA NOTES.

FAMOUS TOLSTOY NOVEL AT QUEEN'S.

TO-DAY'S BIG FILM.

Another big picture is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre to-day in "Resurrection," an impressive screen version of the famous novel of that name by Count Leo Tolstoy. Dolores del Rio, one of the stars of "What Price Glory," plays the leading role, supported by Rod La Rocque and a distinguished cast.

Count Leo Tolstoy, who died in 1910, wrote the novel which was published in 1899, and later translated into eleven languages. The film is presented by Inspiration Pictures and Edwin Carewe. Mr. Carewe directed the production.

Dolores del Rio has the part of Katisha Maslova and Rod La Rocque that of Prince Dmitri. Count Leo Tolstoy, son of Count Leo Tolstoy, plays his father in a special prologue to the film.

The 1903 stage version of "Resurrection" was played in London by Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, in America by Blanche Walsh. Mary Garden is now singing Alfonso's opera, "Resurrection," throughout the world having introduced it at the Auditorium, Chicago, in 1925. "Resurrection" is the story of a Prince and a peasant maid who loved and sinned and sorrowed and loved again.

"Resurrection" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday, and cinema-goers should note that, owing to the unusual length of the film, performances begin promptly each day at the advertised times, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

SOUTH SEAS ROMANCE.

Local cinema-goers still remember such productions as "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" and "Moana," and the beautiful camera effects obtained in each of these films. They will be pleased to learn, therefore, that the same kind of film, panchromatic stock, has been used in "Aloma of the South Seas." Gilda Gray's first big picture, which comes to the World Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. Panchromatic film, it should be explained, is much more expensive than, and is far superior to, ordinary stock.

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Charles was bought from Sir Frank Warner at the Crystal Palace in 1912 for £109 by M. Felix Vanoutryve, a partner in a Roubaix firm of velvet and print manufacturers. The owner, at the beginning of the war, was called up for service in the French army, and therefore asked Mr. Richardson, who was his friend, to take care of the bird, little expecting that within a few weeks the Germans would be in Roubaix.

Death Penalty.

When the Germans arrived, one of their first actions was to forbid the keeping of homing pigeons, under penalty of death, but Mr. Richardson, a Yorkshireman, had given his word, and he stuck to it. As he said, "I made up my mind I would beat the Germans and keep that pigeon, which I kept wrapped up in a piece of newspaper in my inside pocket."

One day the bird was left wrapped up in a piece of sackcloth upstairs, when some German soldiers suddenly arrived. Mr. Richardson ran to his bedroom in order to find the bird and put it in his pocket, but it had wriggled out of the sack, and was nowhere to be seen.

Fortunately, the soldiers, who had come in order to find a billet for a German officer, only examined the rooms on the first floor. As soon as they had gone Mr. Richardson went upstairs to recover the bird, and found him coolly walking to and fro on the landing of the second floor.

MATCH-BURNING.

CRAZE SWEEPS THROUGH BUSINESS OFFICES.

London, Nov. 9.

"Match racing" is the newest gambling game and time-wasting device in the City of London.

Business men, stockbrokers, barristers and others who earn their living by arduous work within the City boundary may be seen at all times carrying under their arms boxes of giant matches. These matches are the instruments of the new game.

The idea in "match racing" is simply to light a giant match and to see how long it will burn.

A "pool" is started—sixpence a match—according to the means or foolishness of the match racers.

At the word "Go" all the matches are struck, and the competitor whose match lasts the longest is a winner.

The burning record for the

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection." To-day—World Theatre; "Aloma of the South Seas." To-day—Star Theatre; "Padlocked."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m. December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 9.30 to midnight.

January 1—1.2—Star Theatre; "Volcano."

January 1—2—World Theatre; "Fine Manners."

January 1—5—Queen's Theatre; "Beau Geste."

January 1—8—Star Theatre; "The Devil's Cargo."

January 1—8—World Theatre; "Back to God's Country."

January 5—7—World Theatre; "The Eagle."

January 5—7—Star Theatre; "The Show Off."

January 6—7—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."

December 31—Cricket Match, Division I. H.K.C.C. v. Navy

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. U. Stafford met with an accident whilst riding on the Taiping Race Course and was taken to the hospital.

The Port Dickson Club is holding its first open lawn tennis tournament at Chinese New Year, January 21, 22, and 23.

Community Church, Shanghai, has arranged for a series of sermons in January by the Rev. E. M. Poteat, Jr., of the Shanghai College.

The Chinese Telegraph Administration state that their cable to Chefoo has been repaired and that telegrams to North China are subject to normal delay only.

Mr. Roger Swettenham, Deputy Commissioner of Trades and Customs, F.M.S., who had been in Singapore on official business has returned to Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. Round-Turner, of the British North Borneo Constabulary, will be going to Kuala Lumpur in the near future for a month, during which he will be attached to the Police Depot there.

The Chinese Government Radio Service announces that arrangements have been made to transmit commercial messages from Shanghai to Tsingtao, Peking and Tientsin.

The military and police authorities at Woosung, having heard that the Communists were showing signs of activities there, are instituting surprise searches in different houses in the district.

The Chinese newspapers report that a number of women Communists have been executed at Hankow. Five women and 20 men were executed on December 18, General Hu Chung-tai declaring he would take the sternest measures to suppress Communism in that city.

Gen. Li Fuk-lam, one of the leading military officers in Canton, has wired to Nanking appealing for aid against the continued attacks of the Kwangsi troops. He says that, although most of the Communists have been suppressed, the Kwangsi men have been invading Kwangtung.

In connection with the armed robbery by a Chinese man and a woman at Cheung Chau last week, when an elderly Chinese woman was murdered, the police arrested a Chinese couple on suspicion, but after 48 hours' detention they were released. Later, another Chinese couple were arrested on the hillside at Sianwan, and are being detained for investigation.

The Installation Meeting of Perak Jubilee Lodge was held at Taiping. Wor. C. L. Chapman, Deputy District Grand Master, installed Bro. W. H. Hewitson as Master of Perak Jubilee Lodge for the ensuing year, many brethren from Ipoh, Teluk Anson and Sitiawan being present as visitors. After the ceremony there was a banquet in the Masonic Hall, when the usual toasts list was gone through.

At the second meeting of the China Society of Science and Arts, Shanghai, to be held on Friday, December 30, Mr. J. A. Jackson will give an illustrated lecture on "Formosa." Mr. Jackson made a walking tour of this interesting island last summer, at which time he gathered much valuable information and secured the many interesting and beautiful photographs which he will use to illustrate his lecture.

The churches connected with the English Baptist Mission in Shantung with more than 7,000 communicants, at the annual meeting of their Provincial Conference, unanimously voted to become a part of the newly organised United Church of Christ in China. This action is the more noteworthy, because it is believed to be the first instance where the Baptist Churches and non-Baptist Churches have been able to find a practical basis of union.

In the presence of His Highness the Sultan of Selangor and the Raja Muda of Selangor, the British Resident of Selangor (the Hon. Mr. J. Lorrie) presented the Imperial Long Service Medal to Inche Mohammed bin Mohammed Amin in the Council Chamber, Kuala Lumpur. The proceedings were conducted in Malay. The British Resident, in presenting the medal, spoke of the long and unbroken record of service of Inche Mohammed with the Government.

When Dr. B. C. Wong was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon for disobeying traffic signals at the Star Ferry at 8.30 a.m. on November 27, he stated that he had no recollection of the incident, and claimed that his attention was not called to the breach of regulation at the time. It was alleged to have been committed. After his Worship had heard evidence from the pointman to the effect that the offence was committed at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Wong was discharged on account of the discrepancy in the time.

Mr. J. D. Sanderson is acting as hon. secretary of the Malacca Club.

H.M.S. "Witherington" has arrived in Shanghai from Hong Kong.

General Duncan's farewell dinner will be held in Shanghai on January 26.

Mr. J. H. B. Will has resigned from the board of directors of Raja Perak Tin, Ltd.

The Nationalist forces are reported by the Chinese press to have captured Lincheng.

Dr. Husain, Assistant Surgeon, Taiping, is at present stationed at Cameron's Highlands for duty.

The marriage of Mr. Leong Yee Khean to Miss Lim Chin Chew was celebrated at the Town Hall, Ipoh.

Among Michaelmas term students called to the Bar at the Middle Temple, on November 17, was Mr. Ky Choo Chan.



Mrs. Ruth McCormick, widow of Senator Medill McCormick, of Illinois, who will probably run for the House of Representatives as a member at large from Illinois.

Taiping Tin Dredging Co. have declared a five per cent. dividend on account of the current year, payable on January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Syd. D. Miles and child have left Taiping for a short holiday in Colombo. They expect to be away for two or three weeks.

Eruption of Vesuvius within a year, greater than that which caused hundreds of deaths in 1906, is prophesied by Mr. Imamura, a Japanese seismologist.

The Socony people are putting up a huge petrol tank installation at Port Swettenham. The installation is being constructed by the Federal Engineering Co.

We acknowledge with thanks a neat little desk calendar put out by Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., men's wear specialists. This may be suspended or stood on the desk, and has on each page the current, last and next months' dates.

Delegates to the conference of Chinese Chambers of Commerce of China now meeting in Shanghai are reported to have passed a resolution deciding to start a fund for relieving wounded Chinese soldiers, according to the Chinese newspapers.

At a meeting of the Muslim community of Singapore held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. A. Namazie, it was resolved to give a tea party in honour of Mr. R. J. Farrer, President of the Municipality, on the occasion of the extension of his period of service.

Lady Clifford and, later on, His Excellency the High Commissioner were present at the Selangor Club Christmas party. This has now become pre-eminently the social function of the Club's year, and though there were 389 children there must have been more than that number of grown-ups present.

An accident befel Mr. Bell, of the Kuala Lumpur Detective Department, while he was motoring to Klang. The steering gear of his car gave way, and the car ran off the road. Mr. Bell was badly thrown and broke four ribs. He was brought back to Kuala Lumpur, and is at present confined to his bungalow.

Three privates of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment were produced before Mr. Dakkes, Third Magistrate, at Singapore, as the result of a complaint of house-breaking against them. The matter was withdrawn from Court and will be dealt with departmentally. They were alleged to have entered the house of a Mr. Gonzales at Pasir Panjang.

Local cinema-goers will be interested to learn that a special musical score has been prepared by Mr. Grovini, the director of the Queen's Orchestra, for Tolstoy's "Resurrection," which is being screened from to-day to Saturday. Owing to the length of the picture, performances start promptly at the special times advertised, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15, and 9.30.

The Bureau of Labour, Agriculture and Commerce of the Shanghai and Woosung Municipality is reported by the Chinese papers to have requested the higher authorities to permit the Contrososus, which they say is a British company, to continue its business operations. The Bureau states that investigations have been made which show that the company has not been engaged in Communistic activities.

A competition and fire display by the Selangor Fire Brigade at the headquarters, Kuala Lumpur, arranged by Mr. H. Lloyd (Superintendent), proved instructive and entertaining. The British Resident of Selangor (the Hon. Mr. J. Lorrie) attended, and on his arrival was received by a guard of honour, composed of Volunteers and firemen, which he inspected accompanied by the Superintendent. A large number of spectators were present, including the Raja Muda of Selangor.

When a pickpocket case was called before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, it was reported that the complainant had failed to appear. The Magistrate in the circumstances discharged the accused man, and as he claimed that the 80 cents he was alleged to have stolen was his own property, the money was ordered to be returned to the accused. The complainant in the case was a Chinese seaman who had sailed early yesterday morning.

Towkay Tan Ah Choy has presented the Roman Catholics of Kulim with a fine piece of land within the town for erecting their own Chapel. It is believed this is the first instance of a non-Christian Chinese gentleman making such a gift. The plot measures over 1,200 sq. ft. The plan has been passed, and the work and operations are being commenced. This popular Towkay has also been concerned in influencing subscriptions for a new Malay Mosque. Mr. A. Choy was the first to subscribe towards the Building Fund of the Chinese School at Kulim.

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The scene at Canton continues to change with dramatic suddenness. The Ironsides, who recaptured the city from the Communists, have now left, taking a lot of money with them, and the Kwangsi forces are ready to step into power. Meanwhile, the movement for the re-enthronement of General Li Chai-sum in the southern capital grows stronger day by day. The interesting events leading up to the present situation in Canton are graphically described by Chinese correspondents and observers in this week's "Overland Mail."

Pirates are again active on the Yangtze River, and British naval action has been taken against them. The "Overland" contains full reports of all engagements and activities in this area, together with accounts of the war in the north, where Nationalists have again attacked Fengtien forces, threatening to march on Peking.

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SPORTS

SERVICES SAIL.

ROYAL NAVY'S NARROW WIN.

TWO GOOD RACES.

A sailing race between the Navy and Army yesterday was won by the former by two points.

The Navy were represented by Lieutenant L. L. B. Myors, Commander M. W. S. Boucher, D.S.O., Lieut.-Commander J. Drinkwater, Lieut.-Commander O. C. G. Leveson-Gower, Pay Lieut.-Commander H. Littleton, Major W. G. H. Miles, R.M., Engineer-Commander H. G. Marshall, Captain A. Whitworth, R.M., and Mr. Gordon.

The army were represented by Lieutenant J. E. M. Bland (Scots Guards), Mr. Barrie, Capt. F. G. Le Gros, R.A., Lieut. R. Payntor-Reid, R.O.S.B., Mr. Hackett Pain, Lt.-Col. Gunn, D.S.O., M.C., R.A., Mr. Bingham, Lieut. J. Scott-Elliott, R.C.S.B., and Mr. Howard.

The yachts were changed over in the afternoon and there were different helmsmen for each side morning and afternoon.

Morning Race.

The course for the morning race was:—Club Line W. to E., Channel Rock, (P.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rock (S.) finish between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. "Argus." Distance: 5 miles.

The result was:

Army.	Points.
I.1 Bland	8
Y.6 Barrie	4
Y.2 Le Gros	11
Y.9 Reid	3
G.2 Hackett Pain	1
Total	27

Navy.	Points.
I.3 Myors	9
Y.5 Boucher	6
Y.5 Drinkwater	7
G.5 Leveson Gower	2
G.1 Littleton	5
Total	29

Afternoon Race.

The course for the afternoon race was: Start between No. 7 buoy and H.M.S. "Argus," Mark on Line (S.), Kowloon Rock (S.), Channel Rock (S.), Club Line E. to W. Distance: 5 miles.

The result was:

Army.	Points.
I.3 Gunn	11
Y.5 Bingham	3
Y.3 Scott Elliot	8
G.3 Howard	2
G.1 Reid	4
Total	28

Navy.	Points.
I.1 Miles	5
Y.6 Deverell	6
Y.2 Marshall	7
Y.9 Whitworth	1
G.2 Gordon	9
Total	28

YORKSHIRE CAPTAIN

BIG MAJORITY FOR AN AMATEUR.

London, Dec. 14.

The final result of the Yorkshire Club ballot was as follows:—

In favour of Amateur Captain—2,264.

In favour of Professional Captain—441.

In favour of Rhodes—2,007.

In favour of Sutcliffe—376.

"T. O. C."

DEMPSEY'S MONEY CLAIM.

New York.

The Kearns-Dempsey battle was advanced a stage further, when the ex-world's champion launched a counter-claim against his former manager, in which he alleged Kearns had wrongfully appropriated sums aggregating £100,000 during the eight years between 1917 and 1926 that the two were associated in the business of prize-fighting.

BIRMINGHAM BOXERS WIN.

In a light-weight contest at Sunderland Clarence Barton, of Birmingham, had an easy points victory over Harry Pitt, of Chelmsford. Joe Perks, of Birmingham, and Harry Lam, of Leicester, fought to the eighth round, when Perks fell and claimed that he had been hit low. Lam was disqualified.

MACAO RACE.

ONLY THREE BOATS FINISH.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Only three of the eleven cruisers which started from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Monday morning in the annual race to Macao, a distance of 70 miles, for the Potts' Challenge Cup, completed the course under their own sail, and returned to the Yacht Club. "U." and "I." sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse, won, crossing the line 34 hours after she started, coming in at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Six hours later came "Snipe" (or 40 hours to complete the course), sailed by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook, and some 14½ hours later (or 54 hours for the course) there crossed the line "Curlew," sailed by Capt. J. Larcomb.

Order of Finishing.

The order in which the cruisers finished at the Yacht Club was as under:—

Finishing Time.
1st "U. & I." ... 5.30.30 p.m. Tues.
2nd "Snipe" ... 11.25.20 p.m. Tues.
3rd "Curlew" ... 2.01.53 p.m. yesterday.

"Azuma" ... D.N.F.
"La Cigale" ... D.N.F.
"Norseman" ... D.N.F.
"Queen Bee" ... D.N.F.
"Feathers" ... D.N.F.
"Sea Rover" ... D.N.F.
"Helen" ... D.N.F.
"Dorothy II." ... D.N.F.

The handicaps were (from "scratch"):

"Azuma" received 1 hour, 15 minutes.

"Norseman" received 3 hours, 7 minutes, 3 seconds.

"Curlew" received 8 hours, 2 minutes 1 second.

"Sea Rover" received 6 hours, 45 minutes.

"Helen" received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

"Snipe" received 4 hours.

"Dorothy II." received 4 hours, 3 minutes.

LOCAL GOLF.

CHRISTMAS BOGEY POOL RESULTS.

At the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Fanling Christmas meeting the Bogeys Pool was won by R. M. Finlayson (7) 2 up, N. K. Littlejohn (16) 1 up was second.

Other scores:—H. F. Bloxham (6) and T. S. Whyte Smith (9), all square; S. A. Arthur, F. Cowherd, W. L. Dunbar, H. G. Hegarty, F. A. Redmond, K. S. Robertson all one down. There were 64 entries.

In the Medal Round F. Cowherd won with 88—16—72.

Other scores were:—A. Leach 84—7—78; T. S. Whyte-Smith 84—9—75; H. F. Bloxham 81—6—75; K. S. Robertson 88—10—78; G. Murray 86—7—79. Thirty-four entered.

COURSE CLOSED OWING TO CATTLE DISEASE.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the New Forest has led to the closing until further notice of Bramshill golf course, near Lyndhurst.

Bramshill is the centre of the affected area. Police are in charge of all infected places, and so strict are the regulations to prevent the spread of the disease that occupants of infected premises have to obtain permits and disinfect their footwear before they may leave.

Tradesmen and others are not allowed to approach, and generally a police constable delivers food supplied himself, taking the usual precautions of disinfection.

LOCAL SOCCER.

KOWLOON MARRIED V. SINGLE.

The following teams have been selected for the annual Married v. Single fixture which takes place on the Kowloon Football Club's ground on Monday, January 2. Kick off 11 a.m.

Mariied:—Wood, Dodson, Black;

Guest, McElveen, Blacklock, Clemo,

Sparry, Pasco, Clemo, Smith;

Single:—Mason, Slipper, Wheeler,

Hodley, Sims, Miss. Pile, May,

Vickars, Tierman, Muir.

The "single" team will play in white.

PLAYERS BLAMED.

HAPPENINGS UNJUSTLY ASCRIBED TO TEAM.

EFFORTS TO WIN.

It has been tritely said that football is a funny game, and many are the instances of strange things happening which makes this saying very true. We are always having the word "luck" brought into the argument, and it seems that before one can safely discuss any side of football, it is first necessary to consider how luck affects the question.

I am mainly about luck that I am going to write, but, I am sorry to say, it is principally of the bad variety which seems to dog my footsteps, writes Bill Ashurst, the English footballer.

Speaking without any book of records to guide me, I think I hold one unenviable record in the annals of football. In two consecutive seasons I have been in two teams that were relegated to the Second Division from the First! I think I shall be safe in saying that every footballer will hope that I hold the record for ever.

There is not much in this fact until you begin to go beneath the surface. Last season West Bromwich Albion were relegated, and here is what McKay was right when he said we must be very unlucky.

Let us examine this position. The "nearest side to Newcastle United in style"—Newcastle won the Championship, and we were relegated! McKay was right when he said we must be very unlucky. In the whole of my football career I have never experienced anything like what happened to us last season. There were games in which we had all the play, and tried to win our games by good class methods, but the other sides always had the luck and got the goals.

One prominent manufacturer expressed the view that the ball manufacturers would have been kept entirely in the dark as to what was going on at the meetings of the L.T.A. ball committee but for certain unavoidable leakages.

The ball committee composed their scheme under a veil of secrecy and none of the leading manufacturers was consulted. While the L.T.A. definitely laid down in their tender form that the weight, bound compression, and size of the ball must conform to their regulations it is asserted that neither the question of quality nor durability was considered.

His Business.

The same remarks are applicable to the Notts County team, my previous club, when they were relegated. I could give you countless incidents which would illustrate what I mean, but that is not quite the purpose of this article.

What I want to do is to exhort the supporters of football clubs who are doing badly to watch for things which are beyond the control of the players. It is so easy to shout and grumble at players who are in a losing side. But it never helps any player to know that he had not the sympathy of the men who pay to watch the games.

You have heard it said that the professional footballer doesn't care a hoot about the result so long as his pay is forthcoming each week? I have, and I know it to be one of the most malicious libels that was ever thrown at a public entertainer.

Footballers do care!

Apart from any sentimental reason, it never paid a footballer not to care what the result was or what happened to his team. Do you think that footballers have no brain? The game is their living, just as much as acting is the means of bringing in bread and butter to the actor. If they show that they don't care, and that they are deliberately offering inferior entertainment, they stand a good chance of losing their living.

Next time you hear anyone make the remark that players are not trying, or don't care what the result might be, you can give them my name, and say that I have never heard of such a thing in football.

Reason For Bad Play.

You would be surprised what little things can make big differences to a football team. You all know the effect of injuries and constant team changes—after which no team can settle down and play well—but you rarely find an excuse being made for a team so unfortunate. All you hear is grumbling because that lucky team has no reserves which can fall into any position so that the change will not be felt.

I know full well that a strong reserve team is one of the secrets of successful football; but I also know, and this is even more true than that of which I have just written, that you can't expect any second-team man to come into a League side and immediately settle down. He needs many more than one match to become acclimated and to fit in and for the other players to fit in with him.

If you brought in a reserve man for a number of matches, perhaps the old form would return; but it is often found that the reserve man is played once or twice and then back comes the player who has been injured, or there is a change in another position and the task of gaining understanding has to be started all over again.

If you want proof of what I say being correct, go back to an instance where a reserve man has come into a team, and made good

WAKE-UP-ENGLAND.

LORD D'ABERNON'S AND AMATEURS.

STATUS BOGEY.

London, Dec. 12. Lord D'Abernon signalled his first appearance as President of the Lawn Tennis Association at the annual meeting in London with a "Wake-up-England" speech, revealing dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs.

He declared that victory must be organised and that an adequate portion of the huge reserves (which the Treasurer later announced had passed the £25,000 mark) must be devoted to that purpose.

Again the amateur status bogey produced a lively discussion.

In regard to the question of "player-writers," it was eventually agreed that competitors in any contest receiving money or the equivalent for broadcasting reports, writing Press articles under their own names or recognisable pseudonyms, or permitting mention of their names in connection with the writing of the articles should lose their amateur status.

Lord D'Abernon was re-elected President.

Lord Desborough, to whom a presentation should have been made, was absent.—"T.O.C."

BALLMAKERS WANT AN INQUIRY.

There is every probability of the ball manufacturers demanding a public inquiry into the matter of tendering for the cheaper ball—which they allege has been operated unfairly by the Lawn Tennis Association.

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WITCHCRAFT."Witch Wood," John Buchan
(Hodder and Stoughton).

"The sin of witchcraft is rampant here, and I will not rest till I have rooted it out. I saw the bodies of men and women in Woodilee who have sold their souls to damnation." This quotation sums up the work which the Rev. David Semple set himself to do in his ministry at Woodilee, in the year 1644. Fierce and violent Puritanism had seized the Lowlands and harsh doctrine of hell-fire was the order of the day. But the Old Ones still held their revels in out-of-the-way places. The general view was that it was unwise to meddle with the devotees of Black Magic, but to leave them, till exhausted spiritually by their excesses, they returned to the fold of the faithful.

David Semple established himself firmly in his parish but never acquired a real hold of his elders, one of whom, Ephraim Caird, was the high priest of the blacksliders. He was well cared for by old Isobel, and his adventures started when he guided three lost wayfarers to Calidon, one of whom was Montrose the Royalist and rebel. In the fateful wood he met and learned to love Katrine, there they hid the wounded follower of Montrose—a bold thing to do in those troubled times. And there, in Melanundrigill, he witnessed the pagan orgies of his own parishioners. Aided by Shillinglaw, he rushed among them and succeeded in so marking them that later he was able to identify the ring-leaders with the mainstays of his flock. David laid charges before the Presbytery but found that he himself had to face charges of conduct unbecoming to a minister and of harbouring one of Montrose's troopers. Forbidden to follow his calling David returns to Woodilee. A pestilence breaks out, and he is held to blame by his maddened parishioners. Katrine labours nobly with him, and is stricken and dies. David has now lost his faith, his love and his living, and we last see him sailing for new lands, although the tradition lingered long in Woodilee that he had been taken by the Devil or by the Fairies in Witch Wood.

Here is a capital story, brilliantly told, and striking quite a new note, although Mr. Buchan gave indications of this vein in "The Moon Endureth." His ingenuity and local colour are astounding, and he never loses his grip of his reader, carrying one to the utmost peak of interest. His psychological insight into the mind of the fanatics is marvellously penetrating. This is a book we can recommend without reserve, and for which we can find no words of appreciation to high.

BOOK NOTICES.

Sibburn, Colonel P. A., South Africa, White and Black—or Brown? With a Preface by Major-General Edward Northey, Allen & Unwin. 6s.

Colonel Sibburn, is an acknowledged authority on South African affairs, especially on native and coloured questions, and his views on the present position—both political and native and coloured questions, and his views on the present position—both political and racial—deserve the most careful consideration. The relations of the Union to the other parts of the Empire, including Great Britain, come under review, and the author's analysis of the situation, with his personal experience of the complicated racial and economic problems and his

wide outlook, is an able, interesting and valuable contribution to the study of one of the most distracting Imperial questions of the day.

Chown, Daisy M., Wayfaring in Africa, Heath Cranton. 10s. 6d.

Miss Chown, after touring New Zealand and Fiji, only needed a casual suggestion that she should do the Cape to Cairo overland, to put the idea into practice. She did not quite carry it through because she took boat from Beira to Mombasa. But from the Cape to Durban, thence to the Victoria Falls and to Beira, and from Mombasa through Kenya and Uganda and up the Nile to Cairo she faced all the adventures, sometimes the perils, of the journey alone. She writes very pleasantly and naturally of her experiences, and confesses sufficiently frequently to a panicky sensation to afford an idea of her pluck and enterprise. She conveys some excellent lightning impressions of settlers and of the natives in out-of-the-way places, and her book will be read by all who take an interest in the opening up of Africa to the holiday-makers anxious to get away from the beaten track.

Age Khub Dekhta, India To-morrow—Oxford University Press, 3s. 6d.

The Government of India Act, 1919 (See 84A), stipulates that at the expiration of ten years after the passing of the Act a Commission shall be appointed to enquire into the working of the system of Government and into the whole question of responsible Government for India. The time is now approaching for the appointment of this Commission, and it is with the composition and its problems of local and provincial and central administration, as well as the communal question and the Indian States, that the author deals in a modest and thoughtful way. He writes, indeed, "in a perfect faith that the so-called 'Lost Dominion' can be regained on the more certain and lasting foundation of a common understanding and a common purpose."

That being so, it may seem strange at first that it should have been considered necessary to found an organisation to encourage the British public to read more and with more discrimination. But it must be remembered that although every one nowadays is taught "to read," only a very small percentage of the population learns the uses—to say nothing of the real pleasures—of reading. Yet these even in this enlightened era of broadcasting and "movies" and picture papers, remain worthy of attention.

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THE PRINTED WORD.**MEANS OF ACCESS TO
KNOWLEDGE.**

Jeffery E. Jeffery (Author of "Escape," "The Burden," "An Octave," "The Longest Shadow," etc.) writes:

Mr. J. D. Beresford's "Hampshire Wonder" was a child endowed with a brain of such superhuman power that it was capable of absorbing all the accumulated knowledge of mankind, filling in the gaps and arriving at a comprehension of the universe. In the story this child reads through the whole of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" in three weeks and then looks up with a pitying smile and says: "Is this all?"

The idea is fantastic, perhaps, and, in a sense, it is terrifying, too. But the episode serves as a reminder that the printed word is still our chief means of access to knowledge. It may not always be so, however. Already by planting a pole in the garden and spending a few pounds on an electrical device, we can hear "Red" from Moscow or Wagner from Munich or the Football Results from 2LO, according to our taste. Already, from a comfortable seat in a cinema, we can watch the life processes of newts, or the reception of the British troops at Shanghai, as the fancy takes us. Already television hovers on the brink of becoming what is horrifically called a "commercial proposition." But the fact remains that at present the human being who wishes to extend his knowledge of any subject whatsoever must, sooner or later, have recourse to books. This is still the age of the printed word.

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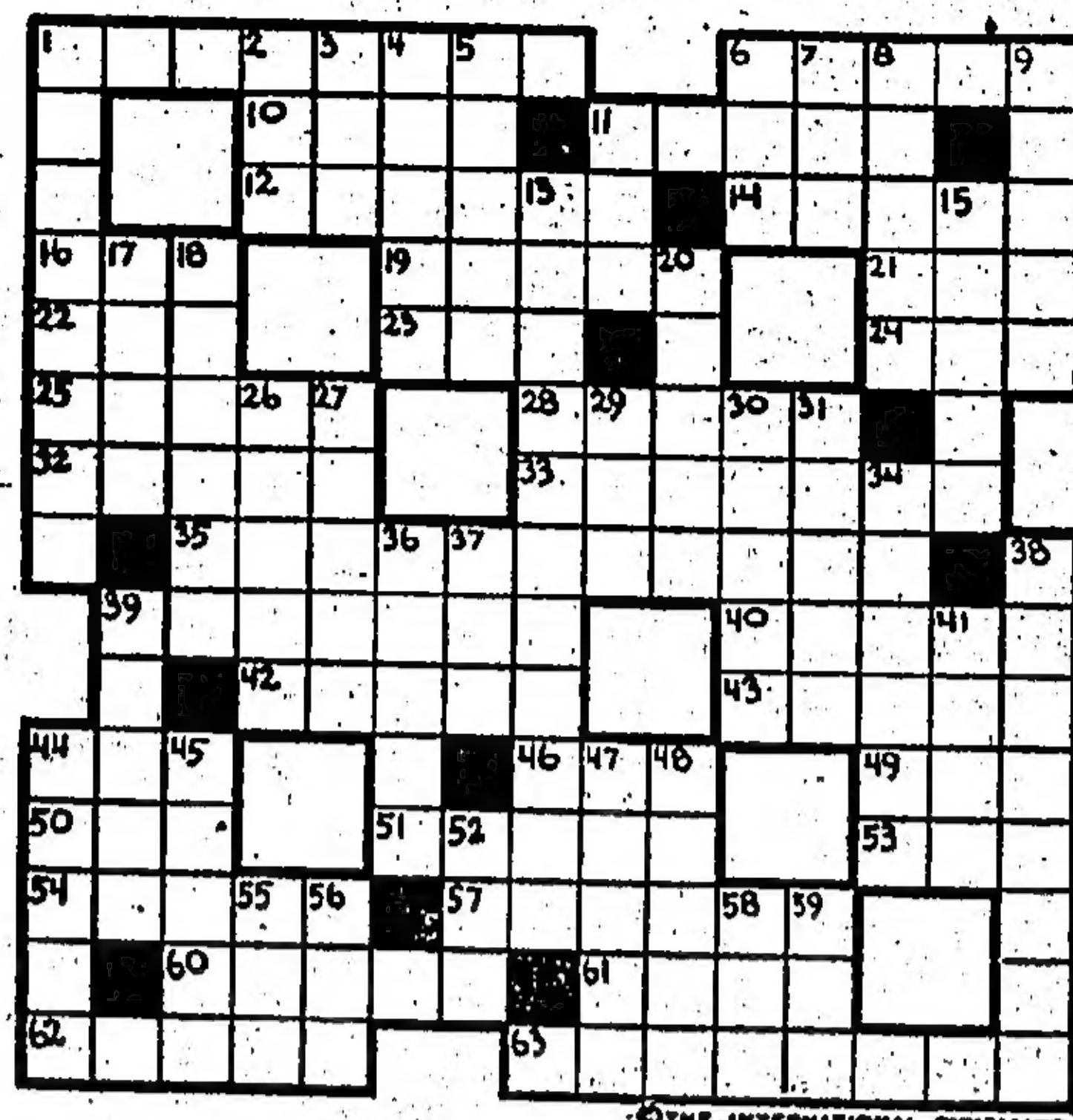
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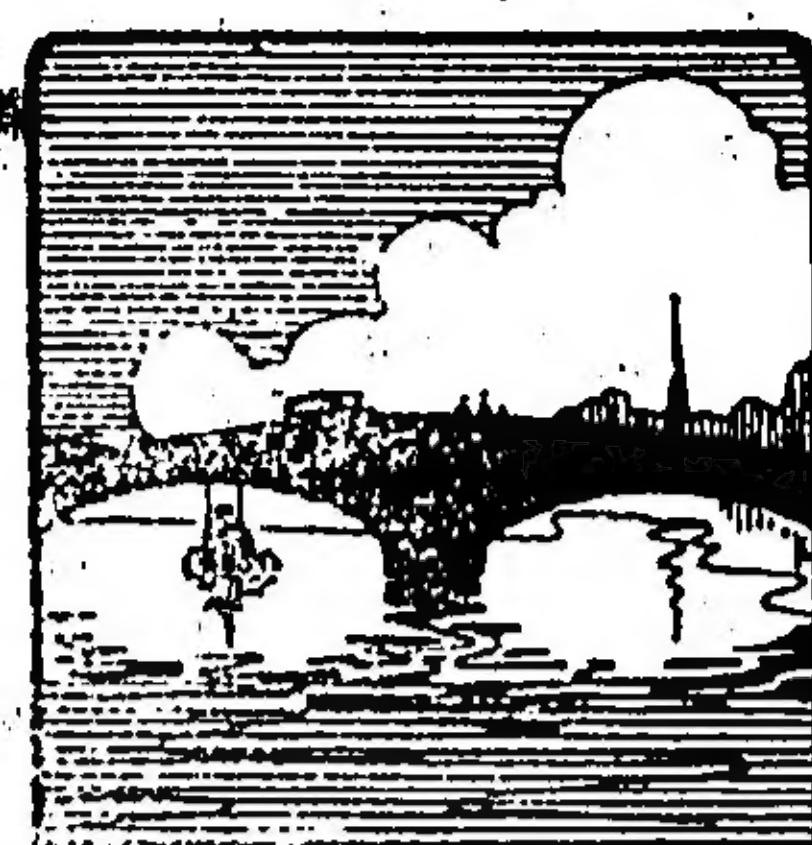
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WOMEN'S FRANCHISE

PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED
TO COMMISSION.

APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Representatives from practical-
ly all the communities in the Island were present at a meeting of Ceylon women in the G. F. S. Hall to discuss the question of female franchise.Lady Bandaranaike presided.
Mrs. E. R. Tambimuttu proposed that the women of Ceylon unite together to ensure the franchise being granted to them under the forthcoming reforms, and that this union be called the "Ceylon Women's Franchise Union."

Mrs. George E. de Silva seconded the resolution, which was carried.

The following office-bearers were elected:—
President:—Lady Dias Bandaranaike.
Vice-Presidents:—Mrs. W. A. de Silva and Mrs. E. R. Tambimuttu.

Committee:—(Dr.) Mrs. Rutnam, (Dr.) Mrs. Nallamuna Sathiyagiswara, Mrs. S. W. Illangakoon, Mrs. C. H. Joliffe, Miss Hornby, Mrs. E. O. Felsinger, Mrs. R. Grenier, Miss Violet Bawa, Mrs. M. A. Arunandan, Mrs. C. H. Z. Fernando, Mrs. R. S. S. Gunewardene, Mrs. T. H. Vethavanam, Mrs. I. David, Mrs. A. E. Goonesinghe, Mrs. Copleston Dias-Bandaranayake, Mrs. Lionel Fonseka, Mrs. Lionel de Silva.

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Women's Interests.
Mrs. Rutnam declared that the women of Ceylon of all nationalities had now organised and united for the purpose of gaining the franchise. She urged that all should pull together for common object. The time had come when the women of Ceylon had begun to take an interest in public affairs.

All the world over women were coming forward into public affairs, not because they did not feel that home was the first place, but because they felt that home came first. They had to broaden their interests. Those who had children had to look after their children, not only at home, but they had also to send them to school, and they should take a deep interest in the education system in the Island.

At the Tamil conference held recently there was a resolution asking that the franchise be granted to women, and it would have been carried unanimously if not for the presence of the youth who burst out of his shell and opposed it; and then also the venerable knight of three score years and ten thought that the purity, the nobility, the wisdom and the modesty of womanhood would be marred if they were given the franchise. Evidently that youth and that venerable knight were very jealous husbands.

Some were of opinion that those qualifications were rather high. It was possible to make them lower and include a larger number of women. She, however, thought it might be wiser in the first instance to limit the franchise to the better educated and better qualified women and later broaden it out to include others. Mrs. Rutnam concluded by declaring: "We want the power to vote and to be elected members of local boards and municipalities, and even of the Legislature in days to come." (Loud applause).

"Jealous Husband."

Mrs. (Dr.) Sathiyagiswara Iyer said that some fallacies appeared to have crept into the minds of the people of the country, as regards the question of the franchise, for women.

It had been stated that the women of Ceylon had just begun to ask for the franchise. She wished to point out that as early as 1919 when the National Congress was started under the presidency of Sir P. Arunachalam, a man of vision and wisdom, the question of women's franchise was brought forward and she had the pleasure of proposing a resolution at that Congress.

It was passed with great enthusiasm, and similar resolutions had been passed at every session of Congress. It might be that in recent years the Congress had changed its policy in many ways and she did not agree with their policy, but on this question she was glad to find that the Congress was still ready to give them a helping hand.

Mr. G. A. Wille, the other day, had said that the women of Ceylon did not deserve the franchise because they had not asked for it and were not asking for it even now.

She did not know whether Mr. Wille wanted the women of Ceylon—the Eastern women—Hindus and Mohammedans—to go about smashing windows and breaking chairs. They had put their trust in the chivalry of the men of the East and they now asked Congress to keep their promise and help them to get that privilege, which was really their right.

When Ceylon was asking for self-Government, the women asked to join hands with the men and to help them manage their own affairs.

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Womanhood Insulted.

Mrs. Geo. E. de Silva said that as an "illiterate woman" she wished to say a few words. They did not intend to emulate Mrs. Jellaby in Dickens' novel and reserve their homes for the god of politics. What they wanted was the right to exercise the vote once in three or five years. Why should Ceylon be one of the few countries in the world which insulted its womanhood by denying her the privilege which every civilised country had accorded to its women. Women had proved that they were the equal of men.

Why should they be silent while some narrow-minded and selfish men said that they were illiterate. The Tamil Knight had re-

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London, Nov. 14.

A remarkable Scythic gold ornament of the second or third century has come into the possession of the British Museum, and it is treasured all the more because almost all the objects of this Scythic and Sarmatian art from the province between Europe and the Far East pass into the Russian museums.

This object, with a repoussé eagle holding a quadruped in its claws, was discovered by Professor Herzfeld at Nihavend, in N.W. Persia, during excavations from a tumulus, and is said to have been found with Roman Imperial coins.

Both the central subject and the border were once inset with rich turquoise inlays, but few of these remain.

A curious fact is that the ornament has an association with a pendant acquired by the late Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, now in the Metropolitan Museum at New York.

PISTOL DUELS.

FORTY FIGHTS AFTER ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS.

Vienna, Nov. 6.

More than forty duels will be fought between Jewish and Christian students in consequence of recent anti-Jewish disturbances in Budapest.

Two sabre duels, already fought, one of seven and the other of eleven rounds, ended in the victory in one case of the Jewish and in the other of the Christian champion, one student being severely wounded.

Two pistol duels will be fought to-morrow.

ferred to "throwing pearls before swine," but he seemed to forget that in that instance the swine were men. Good pearls could not be crushed even by men.

She thought, after all, that men regarded them as their household goods and chattels. They were not so ignorant of the political life of the country as people seemed to think. They could help men in 101 problems of daily life, and they knew how to choose the best men. Large numbers of male voters spoilt their ballot papers at elections because they were illiterates.

Why should the only blot on the Island be the unintelligent and illiterate women? It was their duty to wipe out that blot. Co-operation was the great cry of the country and the Government: what stronger co-operation could there be than between man and woman on an intellectual basis? There would have been a larger gathering of women present but for the fact that there were too many obedient wives who would not go against the wishes of their masters.

The Qualifications.

It was decided after considerable discussion that the age qualification should be 25;

the wage-earner's qualification Rs. 50 and simple literacy; the educational qualifications of the E.S.L.C. or V.L.S.C. as the minimum (or their equivalent);

and the property qualification Rs. 5,000, combined with simple literacy.

In the course of the discussion Miss Sylvia Pieris said that if a person of 14 was married and became entitled to vote, an unmarried girl of 21 should have a vote.

Mrs. Vethavanam and Mrs. Aiyar objected to the property qualification, which did not exist in India. Mrs. Aiyar referred to the hundreds of girls in Jaffna who would be shut out by the property qualification.

Miss Parmele said that most girls with whom she had discussed that matter thought that Rs. 100 would not be too high.

Mrs. Sri Pathmanathan said that the educational qualifications should include the qualifications obtainable in other countries.

Miss Clisy Cooray said that if they made the wage-earner's qualification Rs. 50 the ayahs in Colombo would have votes, while a girl who had passed the 8th standard would not have a vote.

Mrs. Illangakoon maintained that the standard of education in vernacular schools was lower than in English schools. "What we want is not quantity franchise, but a quality franchise for a beginning," she declared.

The Committee were empowered to prepare a memorandum to be forwarded to Government and the Reform Commission and to appoint representatives to give evidence before the Commission if called upon to do so.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the "Times of Ceylon" for an editorial which appeared on the subject and which "gave us much food for thought," remarked Mrs. Geo. E. de Silva.

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